

India to take up new projects in Afghanistan

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Unruffled by the violence unleashed by the Taliban, India has conveyed to Afghanistan its decision to take up several small, medium and large scale projects for implementation in the Afghanistan in the near future.

These projects include the Shahtoot dam, low cost housing for the returning refugees in Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan, polyclinic in Mazar e Sharif, construction of road connecting Band-e-Amir in Bamyan Province to the Bamyan-Yakawlang Highway and many others.

The second meeting of the India-Afghanistan Joint Working Group on Development Cooperation was held in Kabul on Thursday. The meeting was co-chaired by T S Tirumurti, secretary (Economic Relations) in the External Affairs Ministry, and Ismail Rahimi, deputy minister of policy and technical affairs in the Afghan Ministry of Economy.

The Afghan side highly appreciated India's timely assistance of 170,000 tonnes of wheat and 2,000 tonnes of pulses during this year when large parts of Afghanistan are suffering from drought. Both sides underscored the importance of access through Chabahar Port for strengthening trade, the External Affairs Ministry said. SNS